

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings were received on 1/4/2010. These drawings are accepted.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art fails to anticipate or make obvious the structure of the applicants claimed invention. Specifically, the prior art fails to show a door cover for a mode door in a vehicle that is secured to the air conditioning case while allowing independent rotation of the mode door underneath of the door cover in which a sealing member is located in between the fixed door cover and rotatable mode door to prevent air leakage. The prior art of record only shows a film door that is rotatable with a door frame underneath it and fails to show that the door cover can stay stationary while the mode door rotates. Thus the applicants claimed invention is novel and non-obvious.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TRAVIS RUBY whose telephone number is (571)270-5760. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frantz Jules or Cheryl Tyler can be reached on 571-272-6681 or 571-272-4834. The

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